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## Retreat From Laos

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to put the best possible face on a bad situa tion. that the Laotian operation has stallen
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and South Vletnamese mulitary planners. Shortly after the "incurslon" began. Presldent Nison suggested that decisive hattles
mlght be in the offing. Withl the prediction that the North Vietramese "have to flght here or give up the struggle to conquer
South Vietnam." The North Vienamese Yought, with strength and determination that Communist losses undoubtedly have been heavy, there is no reason to believe they As the President indicated Monday night the have managed to kcep at least part of throughout the South Vletnamese blocking attempt, and they now have regained conwith four to

## ..Increases the Credibility Gap

President Nixon's ill-disguised critlcism ni press and teleristion for their reporting of him las hlm as much as anclent Persian generals
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Lacs. Mr. Nixon acknowledged that himself in his televislon interview Monday night.
His assertion that 18 Soutb Vietnamese bat. His assertion that 18 Soutb Vietnamese bat-
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The facts are well known, but they bear lack of press coverage of 18 South Vietnamese battalions, the fault is that of President
Nixou himself. At any point, he could have reversed the decision that barred American correspondents from American hellcopter transport to the Laotian front for all but a few brief moments of the campalgn. sion involved a news blackout virtually unprecedented for major operations in the Southeast Aslan war. Even if, as we readilly a perlod of news suppresslon, it was continued long after any justilication existed.
The Pentagon has made ifttie information
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Tha President insists that the Laotian
gamble has bought more time for his program of Vetnamization. His expliclt pronulse hat he will contlude to withdraw Amerlcar rroops from Indochina at least at the
cresent rate is reassuring But, unfortunately. tlme is not on our slde but on that of the Communists. As Amerlcans withdraw. the stlll uncertain Salgon forces will be
left increasingly on thelr own to face a foe that remains in firm control of vital supply routes. Even if one concedies the President's contention that tbe Laotian retreat is not
a defeat in traditional terms, the inconclusive results of this ill-concelved operation clusve resunts of impliseations for Mr. Nixon's
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ailon. Quenlons have been referred to orlef. Most of it has been done by the south Vietnamese muistary and their ac-
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But the credibility gap will remain har to close. Mr. Nixon has implled that the more reslstance the Soutb Vlitnamese encountered, tbe longer they would stay :n
Laos.methe end polnt being the-latter -part of April or the eariy part of May," when the yalns come. Eut now Mr. Nixon asserts that the South Vletnamesa encountered twic
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## International Opinion

An African Dialogue
Ghana, with Kenye, has always been regarded as tbe most likely nf Commonweath African states to foilow the lead given by phone states in calling for a dialogue between
Black African countries and South Arrica. As long ago as last November Dr. Busia said tbat it was time for African countries to Gabon and the Malagasay Repubilc has deciared in favor of having normal relations with the South African government, in addition to tba Ivory Coast. Nigerla remains the disapproves firmly of the whole idea. and $4 t$ has support from Tanzanla and Zambia. Tbe move toward dialogue, slight though It is. has potentlal mportance. The black Africats natural markets for exports and investment. This does not mean that normalization of the relations could not over a period bring other valuable results of a poilt-
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## By James Reston

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